

TOWN OF ODESSA
MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

JUNE 7, 2021 MONDAY – 7:00 PM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR CARNEY'S PROCLAMATION THE TOWN OF ODESSA IS HOLDING THIS MEETING AS A VIRTUAL & PHONE CONFERENCE

The link to join the meeting via computer or smart device is:

<https://udel.zoom.us/j/85019122672>

MEETING ID: 85019122672

PASSCODE: 172838

by phone: 1-312-626-6799 or

1-646-876-9923

Those present at 7:00 PM

Mayor: Harvey C. Smith, Jr.

Councilmember: Betts Jackson

Councilmember: Ed Pollard

Treasurer: Debbie Whittington

Secretary: Barbara Roberts

Guests or Community Members: Lt. A. Lloyd, Delaware State Police

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance, meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

II. Roll Call

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY ED POLLARD TO EXCUSE JOHN FREEMAN AND LIONEL HYNSON FROM THE JUNE 7, 2021 MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Budget Workshop Minutes as of 5-3-21

MOTION BY ED POLLARD, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 5-3-21 BUDGET WORKSHOP

MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

b. Regular Meeting Mayor & Council Minutes

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY ED POLLARD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 5-3-21 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

IV. Correspondence - *(will be reviewed further down in the agenda)*

V. Police Report

- Lt. Lloyd from the Delaware State Police reported on statistics in the Town of Odessa
 - Basketball hoops at Memorial Park have been rehung.
 - Council members discussed the legality of tents within the Town and will research this issue further.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer's Report as of 5-31-21, attached hereto as attachment A & B *(3 pg. report)*

MOTION BY ED POLLARD, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT AS SUBMITTED FROM 5-31-21

MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

VII. Commission Reports

- a. Historic Commission: No May Meeting
b. Planning Commission: Meeting Date 5-20-21 (Odessa Commons)
c. Tree Commission: No May Meeting

VIII. Old Business

- a. FEMA / DEMA Storm Damage Reimbursement, attached hereto as attachment C *(1 page letter)*
- The Town received 75% reimbursement for costs incurred for the storm damage last year at both Memorial & Old Academy Parks.

IX. New Business

- a. Old Academy Storm Windows, attached hereto as attachment D *(1 page sample)*
- Mayor Smith requested permission to contact the company to measure and provide estimated costs for the dark brown interior storm windows for the Old Academy Building.

MOTION BY ED POLLARD, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO ALLOW MAYOR SMITH TO PROCEED WITH COST ESTIMATES, MEASUREMENTS AND DARK COLOR SELECTION FOR THE INTERIOR STORM WINDOWS FOR THE OLD ACADEMY BUILDING

MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

b. Discuss American Rescue Plan Workshop

- Council decided not to schedule a workshop until we learn more about what restrictions will be placed on the funding.

- Mayor Smith and other Town representatives have a meeting scheduled to try and get some clarification on Council's questions.
- c. Verizon Cable TV Franchise Agreement, synopsis attached hereto as attachment E (*2 page synopsis from attorney notes*)
- Council members will continue the discussion at the July meeting concerning some of the stipulations that are included with the new Verizon Cable Franchise agreement and address those issues with the Town attorney.
 - Tabled until next month when we re-view Council suggestions and recommendations from the Town attorney.
- d. Memorial Day Office Closing
- e. Discussion on Mayor & Council Meetings
- Mayor and Council will go back to in-person Council meetings, starting with the July meeting and investigate purchasing equipment to also having the meetings aired via zoom.

X. Next Meeting Date and Time: Next meeting of Mayor & Council: Monday July 12th at 7:00 pm

- Council will research possible ordinances directed at owners of abandon properties.
- Council will contact the owners of two properties in Town that have several unregistered vehicles within Town limits.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION BY ED POLLARD, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:05

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 3 AYES, 0 NAYS

Minutes Submitted 6-14-21
Date

Barbara Roberts
Secretary

Approved: _____